

## REMARKS

Applicants kindly request the amendment to Specification be entered. This amendment adds the priority claim. Applicants are also amending page 2 of the Specification to replace the word "und" with "and". This is an inadvertent error in translation of the priority document. No new matter is being added.

Applicants kindly request the amendments to the Claims. Applicants are amending Claims 1, 33, and 34 to bring these claims into compliance with U.S. practice and to replace the word "und" to "and" in Claim 1. Claims 36 -- 39 are being cancelled. Support for new Claims 40-50 can be found throughout the Application, and specifically on pages 18-20, 29-34, and 39-41. Applicants submit that no new matter is being introduced.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge all fees due to Deposit Account 19-0134. Applicant also requests that all correspondence be directed to the address associated with Customer Number 001095 which is currently as follows:

Novartis  
Corporate Intellectual Property  
One Health Plaza, Building 104 Florham Park  
East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Any questions or issues can be directed to the below signed attorney at this address. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Novartis  
Corporate Intellectual Property  
One Health Plaza, Building 104  
East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080  
(862) 778-7922

  
David L. Marks  
Attorney for Applicants  
Reg. No. 37,881

Date: December 16, 2004